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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the issuance of United States armed forces  
2 combat motor vehicle registration plates and establishing a  
3 fee.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 321.34, Code 2001, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 23. UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES COMBAT  
4 SPECIAL PLATES. An owner referred to in subsection 12 who is  
5 a veteran of the United States armed forces and served in  
6 combat may, upon written application to the department and  
7 presentation of satisfactory proof of service in combat, order  
8 special registration plates with a United States armed forces  
9 combat processed emblem. The emblem shall be designed by the  
10 department in cooperation with the adjutant general and shall  
11 signify that the owner served in combat. The application is  
12 subject to approval by the department, in consultation with  
13 the adjutant general. The special plates shall be issued at  
14 no charge and are subject to an annual registration fee of  
15 fifteen dollars. The county treasurer shall validate the  
16 special plates in the same manner as regular registration  
17 plates are validated under this section.

18 The surviving spouse of a person who was issued special  
19 plates under this subsection may continue to use or apply for  
20 and use the special plates subject to registration of the  
21 special plates in the surviving spouse's name and upon payment  
22 of the annual registration fee. If the surviving spouse  
23 remarries, the surviving spouse shall return the special  
24 plates to the department and the department shall issue  
25 regular registration plates to the surviving spouse.

26 EXPLANATION

27 This bill authorizes the state department of transportation  
28 to issue United States armed forces combat special  
29 registration plates to persons who are veterans of the United  
30 States armed forces and served in combat. The plates shall  
31 display a United States armed forces combat processed emblem,  
32 designed by the department in cooperation with the adjutant  
33 general, and shall be issued at no charge, subject to an  
34 annual \$15 registration fee. The surviving spouse of a person  
35 who was issued the special plates may continue to use or apply

1 for and use the special plates, unless the spouse has  
2 remarried. The surviving spouse must register the plates in  
3 the surviving spouse's name and pay the annual registration  
4 fee.

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